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1. COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET ESTIMATES 75/77 BASICALLY AS PROPOSED EXCEPT FOR DOLS 44,000 SAVINGS VOLUNTEERED BY SEC GEN IN CONNECTION WITH PRODUCTION TECHNICAL MANUALS BY CONSULTANTS INSTEAD OF INCREASED STAFF.

2. RE REFTEL PARA 5, SHORTAGE TIME AND INADEQUATE STAFFING MAKE DETAILED REPORTING IMPOSSIBLE. COUNCIL MINUTES FORTHCOMING NEXT FEW WEEKS. WILL BE AIRMAILED IMMEDIATELY AS USUAL. HOWEVER, REGARDING VIEWS OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS, AS REPORTED EARLIER, BELGIUM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 90 PERCENT OF DISCUSSION ON FINANCE PAPERS. HIGHLY CRITICAL SECRETARIAT AND INCREASED BUDGET, AND REPEATEDLY ASKED MANY DETAILED QUESTIONS ON PAPERS PRESENTED. UK AND FRANCE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FEW USEFUL INTERVENTIONS PRIMARILY FOR THE RECORD AND CLARIFICATION. OTHER MEMBERS MADE INFREQUENT INTERVENTIONS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS. USREP SENSES SOME "GG" KINDS OF INTEREST FROM EUROPEAN STATES. USSR MADE SEVERAL LONG INTERVENTIONS BUT POINT SEEMED TO BE THAT AS AN AVIATION MAN HE NEW LITTLE ABOUT BUDGETS AND FELT THAT THE FINANCE

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COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE MORE EXPERT ADVISE THAN WAS

AVAILABLE. GENERALLY, THE FEELING WAS THAT THE SECGEN HAS DONE GOOD JOB AND NEW BUDGET IS REASONABLE GIVEN INFLATIONARY TRENDS AND EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS. FINANCE DIRECTOR (US) DID MAGNIFICANT JOB PREPARING/PRESENTING THE FINANCIAL PAPERS.

3. REGARDING SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES/APPROPRIATIONS FOR '74 -- SECGEN CONTINUES FEEL THAT SUPPLEMENTARY WILL BE LESS THAN ANTICIPATED AND ASSESSMENTS UNLIKELY.

4. IN CLOSING HOURS COUNCIL TOOK UP AVIATION FUEL PAPER. COMMENCED WITH CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION PAPER 2 (USSR DRAFT) BUT COUNCIL SOON BEGAN TO DIVIDE ON ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS ("PRICE" AND "OVER-CAPACITY") VS CONSERVATION OF FUEL AS PRESENTED IN AIR NAV COMMISSION'S PAPER). DURING HEATED DISCUSSION MEXICO DEPARTED FROM ALL PAPERS AND FORMALLY PROPOSED ADOPTION LANGUAGE FROM ECAC RESOLUTION (APPENDIX B TO CWP/6007) SPECIFICALLY PARA 1 RECOMMENDATION, ETC, INCLUDING SUB PARAS (A) (B) (C) (F) (G) (H). (G) BECOMES FIRST AS (A), AND FOLLOWING PHRASE ADDED TO PRESENT TEXT: "ACCORDING TO THE MEASURES INDICATED IN THE ADDENDUM TO THIS PAPER". THE ADDENDUM CONTAINS PARA 3 1(A) CWP 6007. THE PLACEMENT OF (G) AND ATTACHMENT OF THE ANC MATERIAL WAS PROPOSED AS AN AMENDMENT BY ARGENTINA. MUCH DISPLEASURE WITH ABANDONMENT OF WORK ALREADY DONE IN COUNCIL WORKING PAPER AND TWO DISCUSSION PAPERS, AS WELL AS HAPHAZARD PLAGIARISM OF ECAC RESOLUTION. ECAC STATES PROMPTLY ATTEMPTED INCLUDE (D) AND (E) ON "UNNECESSARY CAPACITY". NIGERIA REQUESTED ROLL CALL VOTE AND STATUTORY MAJORITY. ECAC PROPOSAL FAILED: 6 FOR, 6 AGAINST (US) 14 ABSTENTIONS. BASIC MEXICO PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY LEBANON AND COLOMBIA ADOPTED 16 FOR, NONE AGAINST 10 ABSTENTIONS (US). AUSTRALIA AND US MADE STATEMENTS EXPLAINING ABSTENTION FOR BASICALLY SAME REASONS: MATERIAL ADOPTED WAS ECAC LANGUAGE, NOT ICAO'S. FORMAT WAS COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION NOT THE STATE-LETTER-REQUESTING COMMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED IN THE ANC PAPER AND THE DISCUSSION PAPERS.

5. COUNCIL ACTION WAS PRECIPITIOUS AND UNRULY; HOWEVER, OUTCOME APPEARS NOT BAD. NATURE OF ACTION REMOVES ITEM FROM COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM AS COMPLETED. HOWEVER, SHOULD SUBJECT REMAIN PROBLEM, IT CAN BE RETURNED TO WORK PROGRAM BY ANY STATE.

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6. REGARDING OTHER ITEMS: ANC WORKING PAPER NEXT SESSION. UK AND FRANCE INSISTED SONIC BOOM WORK URGENT AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED NEXT SESSION. RE ATC WORK PROGRAM, JAPAN IN FAREWELL ADDRESS PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF ATC IN ORDER TO REDUCE SIZE AND PROVIDE GREATER ECONOMIC EXPERTISE.

7. COUNCIL ADJOURNED THIS SESSION. WILL MEET ONCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY ON SEPT. 21.

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